

## Message Text

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E.O. 11652: N/A  
TAGS: MASS, TC  
SUBJECT: M16A1 RIFLES FOR UAE AF

1. DURING CALL ON GEN. KHALDI, CHIEF OF STAFF UAE ARMED FORCES, MARCH 24 DCM ASKED WHETHER THERE WAS ANYTHING NEW TO REPORT ON POSSIBLE PURCHASE OF RIFLES, SPECIFICALLY M16A1. KHALDI REPLIED THERE HAD BEEN NO DECISION AND HE COULD NOT PREDICT WHEN IT MIGHT COME. KHALDI STATED SPECIFICALLY AND CATEGORICALLY THAT GHQ HAD DECIDED IN FAVOR OF M16A1 AND THAT IF DECISION WERE MADE IT WOULD GO TO COLT RIFLE. DCM ASKED IF IT WAS MATTER OF GETTING APPROVAL OF SHAIKH ZAYID. KHALDI RESPONDED THIS WOULD BE NECESSARY, BUT THEN WENT ON TO NOTE THAT IN FACT ABU DHABI HAD MADE ITS CHOICE. PROBLEM WAS THAT DUBAI WISHED TO RETAIN FN RIFLES. GENERAL ASKED FOR UNDERSTANDING OF "OUR PROBLEM". HE NOTED SOMEWHAT WISTFULLY THAT UAE AF HAD HOPED TO HAVE RIFLES FOR 1976 NATIONAL DAY PARADE, NOW HE WONDERED WHETHER THEY WOULD MAKE IT BY 1977\*

2. ACTION REQUESTED: PLEASE PASS SUBSTANCE OF ABOVE TO T. SEALE, MIDDLE EAST SALES REP, COLT INDUSTRIES, HARTFORD, CONN.

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3. COMMENT: LIKE OTHER STEPS TOWARD STRONGER FEDERAL STRUCTURE, MILITARY INTEGRATION EFFORT CLEARLY CONTINUES TO MOVE SLOWLY. DECISION MAKING AUTHORITY ON NEW WEAPONS PURCHASES MAY WELL REST WITH GHQ, BUT IF OTHER INTERESTED RULERS--READ SHAIKH RASHID AND POSSIBLY SHAIKH SAQR--HAVE OTHER IDEAS THEY CLEARLY ARE IN POSITION TO HOLD UP FINAL ACTION, AND FOR

EXTENDED PERIOD. CLEARLY GENERAL KHALDI'S ROLE  
AS C OF S CONTINUES TO BE AS MUCH DIPLOMATIC AS  
MILITARY AND REQUIRES HIGH LEVEL OF PATIENCE.  
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